

Holy Family

Roman Catholic Parish

St Mary's, St John Vianney's, St Patrick's and St Joseph's Churches

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle



Parish Diary — Week beginning 7th June 2026

*Live stream: www.youtube.com/@HolyFamilyHartlepool

Date	Feast	Saint Joseph's*	Saint Patrick's	Saint John Vianney's	Saint Mary's
Saturday 6th June	(Vigil) The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	11.30 - 12.30pm Baptisms 3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mandy Gallen Birthday Remembrance		6.00pm Mass William Agnes & Thomas Thornton	
Sunday 7th June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	10.30am Mass Bob Storer	9.00am Mass Kathleen Nicolson		
Monday 8th June		6.00pm Exposition & Confessions 6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving			
Tuesday 9th June		12.05pm Mass Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy & Our Lady			
Wednesday 10th June				10.00am Mass at Hartfields Retirement Village Muriel Close	
Thursday 11th June	St Barnabas	1.00pm Requiem Mass John McCloskey	9.30am Mass Special Intention Grandsons		
Friday 12th June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus	12.05pm Mass Kathleen Borrett			
Saturday 13th June	(Vigil) 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3.00pm Exposition & Confessions 3.30pm Rosary 4.00pm Mass Mary & Michael Kearney		6.00pm Mass Roly Thompson	
Sunday 14th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass John Cranpin	9.00am Mass Mary Harris		

SCHOOL MASSES

St Bega's Monday 8th June - 9.30am Mass	St Joseph's Tuesday 9th June - 9.30am Mass	Sacred Heart Friday 12th June - 9.30am Feast Day Mass
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Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, in Baptism You called us by name and made us members of Your family, the Church. Help all people to know their vocation in life and to respond by living a life of holiness. For Your greater glory and for the service of Your people, raise up dedicated and generous men who will serve as priests for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle. Send Your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities, our seminarians and all who are discerning their vocation. Amen.

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Opening Hours
10am - 2pm
Monday to Friday

Parish Centre
Grosvenor Street
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Churches

St Joseph's

St Paul's Road
TS26 9EY

St Patrick's

Owton Manor Lane
TS25 3QG

St John Vianney's

King Oswy Drive
West View Estate
TS24 9LX

St Mary's

Durham Street
TS24 0HD

Weekly Groups

Sun: After 9am Mass
Coffee Morning @ St Patrick's Hall

Sun: After 10.30am Mass
Coffee Morning @ Parish Centre Hall

Mon: 10.30am-11.30am
Praise & Worship Prayer Group
@ Nazareth Room, Parish Centre

Tues: 12.30pm-2.30pm
Lunch Club @ Parish Centre Hall

Tues: 1pm-3pm
Over 60s Club @ St Patrick's Hall

2nd Sat of Month: After 6pm Mass
Coffee Evening @ St John Vianney's

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Ministers of Communion are to renew their commitment today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - Application forms are available at the back of our churches to register for the coming year's First Holy Communion programme, which will begin in September. The programme is open to children from current Year 3 and above. All completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than 17th July 2026. There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Application forms for infant Baptism are available at the back of each Church. Please return completed forms to the parish office and come along to a Preparation Meeting to secure your booking. The next Preparation Meeting is on Wednesday 1st July at 6pm, in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's.

MASS REQUESTS - While we will do our best to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee the availability of specific dates so we must ask for generous notice. If no date is requested or your requested date is unavailable, Masses will be said in the order they are received.

FUNERALS (EXTRA ECCLESIAM) - The funeral of Lewis Miller is on Wednesday 10th June at 2pm at Stranton Crematorium

200 CLUB - This month's winners are 1st prize £150: no. 36 Marie Spindloe, 2nd prize £100: no. 109 Sheila Simmons, and 3rd prize £50: no. 125 Maureen Frank. Congratulations! The Club is always open to new members, the subscription can be paid yearly, half yearly or quarterly. Each month we draw prizes of £150, £100 and £50. Contact Laura to join, and one of the organisers will be in touch with you. Many thanks to our supporters.

GARDENING - As you will notice, it is that time of the year again when the garden areas around our churches are in need of a little bit of attention. If you have any spare time and feel so inclined, many hands make light work. Please do feel free to come along any time and do a little weeding around our church gardens.

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION - We have several First Holy Communion certificates which weren't collected. They are available from the parish office at your earliest convenience. We also have an abundance of Baptism certificates which have been requested and never collected. Each certificate takes time and resources to produce, we kindly ask that you respect this effort by ensuring your certificate is collected promptly.

FR JOSEPH O'BRIEN - As announced recently, Fr Joseph has been appointed as Parochial Vicar (Curate) to the parish of Holy Family, Hartlepool. He will take up his appointment officially on 1st September 2026, however, Fr Joseph will be visible during the summer whilst on annual leave before taking up his appointment. Fr Joseph will be resident at St Joseph's Presbytery.

STELLA MARIS APPEAL - We would be so grateful for any donations of men's clothing in good, clean condition: t-shirts, jeans, joggers, shoes, etc. There are baskets at the back of all of the churches, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Having enquired with a number of tour operators, organised pilgrimages are currently very expensive. It is proposed that a hybrid parish pilgrimage to Rome be organised for Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026. This will involve individuals booking their own flights and accommodation, however, once in Rome Fr Joseph and Canon Paul will be present to offer a pilgrimage programme. There will be an initial meeting on Tuesday 16th June at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre Hall at St Joseph's to determine interest.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - To mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard, the relics will be at St Joseph's on Monday 29th June for 6.30pm Mass. They will be available for private prayer from 5.30pm, and blessings with the relics will be offered after the Mass. St Gerard Majella is known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. Come along and bring your petitions to this well-known saint.

Mass of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.


Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PARISH DONATIONS - Anyone wishing to provide regular giving, you can instruct your bank to set up a standing order using these details:
Beneficiary: DHN Holy Family Hartlepool Account Number: 11173928 Sort Code: 40-34-45

 We are also able to take contactless donations. Please scan the QR code on the left to make a one-off donation, or use our digital collection plate at the back of St Joseph's Church.
Thank you.

Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and wish to join the scheme, please scan the QR code on the right, or contact Laura in the Parish Office. The Parish benefits greatly from those who are members of the scheme.
Many thanks.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS - Our next collection will be held on Sunday 14th June, for the work of the SVP in Hartlepool.

First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

‘He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.’

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

Response: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

‘Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.’

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

‘My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’

Each of us has an image that helps us to come to an understanding of how the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, transforms and sustains us. It is a very personal image; it enables us to make sense of this great gift which we receive through the Eucharist. I share with you this poem which expresses, in my words, my image of the Bread of Life:

The Bread of Life

My spirit rises my heart takes flight, I do not fear the day or the darkest night, for I know that I am always in your sight. My precious saviour, the Bread of Life.

I seek your comfort and you are there. Your power and glory are everywhere. You are my constant in this world of strife. My loving brother, the Bread of Life.

If my footsteps falter your hand is near, no fear of falling your voice so clear, speaks to me softly and I see the light. My friend and guide, the Bread of life.

With you beside me, I have no fears, through this world of sunshine, this world of tears. Your presence fills me with sheer delight, My God of Mercy, the Bread of life.

With living water my soul you heal, you set before me a saving meal. Your love transforms me, in you I shine

The Bread of Life, My God divine.

The story of the journey through the wilderness by the people of Israel has real links with our lives today. By trying to understand these links we can find consolation for the troubles we encounter. Moses reminds them that their survival has been achieved by the love of God working in their lives, feeding them with manna and sustaining them. How often do we find that same love of God intervening in our lives? Paul's simple statement about the Body and Blood of Christ is a reminder in these times of change that there is no distinction between churches, parishes or diocese – we are one body. The challenge facing us must lead to a united church sharing its joys and its sorrows always in the love of Christ.

The passage from John is both awesome and deeply human. Jesus is calling us into communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by actively sharing in His Body and Blood. There is no compromise here; unless we share in His Eucharist, we do not have His life within us. May your image of the Eucharist feed and sustain you today and forever.

David Franko

Daily Readings



OUR PRAYERS

The sick of the Parish: Annie Airey, Stephen Anderson, Maureen Andrews, Neil Apedaile, Pat Baker, Kathleen Barlow, Carole Bew, Michael Blackford, Dennis Bratt, Ronnie Burnett, Kay Burns, Sarah Carroll, Rita Charlton, Michael Conroy, Daniel Cosby, Betty Crane, James Daley, Neil Davis, Louise Dixon, Michael Docherty, Teresa Falkingham, Grace Fallow, Lorraine Gallen, Dorothy Geen, Catherine Gray, Andrew Haygarth, Jamie Hitchen, Bella Hoey, Muriel Howe, Molly Hughes, Nora Humble, Carol Hutchinson, Trish Jeffries, Peter Johnson, Christine Jones, Andrew Kenny, Ceilia King, Isobel Knowles, Maureen Maguire, Baby Pippa Marie, Vera Marriott, Brenda Mathews, Ian Matthews, Owen McEaney, Fr Seamus McGivern, Jim McKenna, Christopher Mghee, Peter McNaughton, Owen Milligan, Paul Moore, Ann Mullins, Pat Ness, Kitty Newstead, June Nolan, Sylvice Notrianni, Joe O'Connor, Myra Pattison, Carol Price, Mary Reed, Pam Robertson, Eric Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Paula Rogers, Jane Roorcroft, Kathleen Royds, Hilda Ryan, Agnes Scully, Michael Christopher Sheeran, Corazon Simpson, Marie Spindloe, Matthew Steel, Brett Swain, Gail Symington, Melvin Thackeray, Carol Thomas, Christopher Thomas, Lynsey Todd, Kieran Turnbull, John Twydale, Jonathon Vokes, Julie Wallace, Margaret Watt, Kath Wilkinson, Edith Wilson, Jeff Wright, Margaret Wright. *Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.*

Recently Deceased: John McCloskey, John Parsons, Lewis Miller, Michael Dickson. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Doris Vaughan, Maurice Berry, Ann Close, Robert Healey, Francis Carney, Patricia Lancaster, Stephen Sheehan, Kathleen Linighan, Sheila Eggerton, Sheila Swift, Ronald Neesham, Laurence Judge, Doreen Hughes, Ralph Cawley, Paddy Galvin, Margaret Robertson, Ellen McKenna, Mary Jane Reece, John Thomas Reece, Tommy Lawson, Mary 'Marie' Lydon, William (Bill) Hogan, Mary Lawty, John Gibson, Kathleen Nicolson, Bernard Povey, Hilda Brown, Kath Linighan, Rose Stubbs, Elizabeth Parker, David Turner, Denis Turner, Maureen Lucey, Pauline Rooney, William Elliott Jenkison, Colin Temple, Sylvia Coull, Patricia Lawrence, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

Kids Corner:

The Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At the Last Supper, Jesus knew that He was going to leave His friends. So He turned the bread into His Body and the wine into His Blood - even though they still looked like bread and wine - and told the Apostles to do the same.

Jesus gave the Apostles, who were the first priests, the power to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood in the Mass. Now at every Mass Jesus comes to us on the altar, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity!

Of course we can't see any change happen when the priest consecrates the bread and wine, but we know that God can do things without us understanding them. He loves us so much that He wants to come to us hidden in Holy Communion. Now it is up to us to love Him back with our whole hearts!



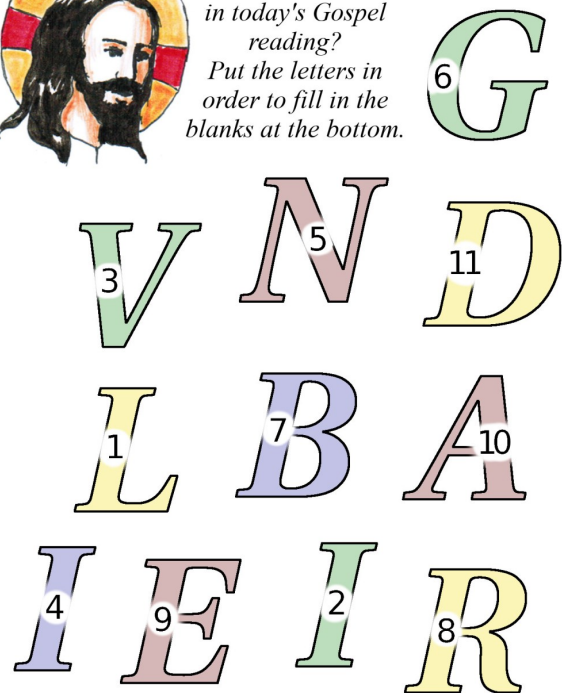
Answer to puzzle on front: Living Bread.

The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 7th, 2026*



What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in order to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



"I am the _____
which came down from Heaven."

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